

Unity of the Church: Particular Churches and the Universal Church in the Ecclesiology of Henri de Lubac

Abstract

The main aim of the thesis is to present part of the ecclesiological work of French theologian Henri de Lubac devoted to external structure of the Church. The thesis is based on reflections of de Lubac's book *Les églises particulières dans l'Église universelle*, which is analysed in the overall context of his theological thought. Our goal is to define relations between particular churches and the universal Church and analyse theological principles of the institutional setting of the Church. The basic principle is found in theologically defined unity of the Church. Relations between the Church and culture, problem of acculturation and relations between principles of unity and plurality of the Church are among other topics of the paper. We came to the conclusion based on the analysis of the de Lubac's work, the Church is found on the theological principles even as a visible institution. Therefore she represents a unique type of the social organization.

Keywords

Henri de Lubac, theology of 20th century, ecclesiology, unity of the Church, universal Church, particular Churches